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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. June 30th saw the completion of the first phase of the Language Development Program. deserves great credit for the sound and competent work he has done. Written tests in thirty-six languages were prepared by him or under his supervision and people were tested. This is a major accomplishment. That there were slips and misjudgments is not to be denied. In the light of the high standards of accomplishment set and maintained, such minor defects of administration must be minimized. also deserves high praise for the manner in which he has organized and is administering the oral testing program.

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2. LAS is most happy over the DTR's decision to approve as a permanent part of the LAS program the course prepared for the JOTs aimed at preparing them for understanding and dealing with foreigners. A pilot course for Agency personnel is now being prepared along the lines of the preliminary paper submitted last week. It is planned to offer this course in the fall, with a tentative starting date of October 20.

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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 2 July 1958

FROM : Deputy Chief, Plans, Research and Administration

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Nineteen people were tested last week in Albanian, Norwegian, Portuguese and Romanian.
2. Eighty oral examinations were conducted during the week 25 June - 2 July.
3. Eighty-eight Certification for Language Award certificates were sent to the Registrar during the past week.



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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 1 July 1958

FROM : Deputy for Language Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Eleven staff and contract instructors are presently attending a course in Linguistics and its application of Language teaching at FSI. Two or three follow-up sessions will be held here by the LAS staff at the end of the course. These will clarify differences of approach and emphasis in LAS and stimulate interest in continuing to develop methodology for teaching courses adapted to the Agency's needs.

25X1 2. [] has been assigned the task of coordinating the development of a simply-written booklet on the subject "How to Learn a Foreign Language".

3. The French Advanced Course - (Part-Time), which started by special request of FE was discontinued this week. The tentative enrollment of four students dropped to three when one of the candidates was unexpectedly tapped for another course. A second candidate was lost to the course when his division (FSD) failed to approve his request. Withdrawal of one of the two FE students on 25 June made continuation of the course impractical.

a. A total of 7 class meetings were held.

b. A total of 50 hours were devoted to preparation and teaching. Our experience has been similar in every case where we have instituted a special course to meet "crash" requirements. In the long run, it appears to be more economical to authorize tutorial training for such individuals than to attempt to train them internally.

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25X1 4. Mrs. [] who joined us as a contract instructor of French last fall terminated her employment 27 June 1958. Her husband has been assigned to an overseas post.

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5. Mrs. a contract instructor of the French Department, left 27 June to visit her family in France. She will return 1 September.



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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Africa and the United States - RS #1 began on 25 June with 12 registrants and introductory talks by [redacted] C/AA/OCI, and, on 27 June, by [redacted]. Student body has already been diminished by the hospitalization of [redacted] FI [redacted] and is apparently to be further altered by the switching of [redacted] both of FI [redacted] to auditor status because of misunderstanding of number of class hours involved. The class, nevertheless, appears to be of good quality, enthusiastic and willing to work.
2. [redacted] sat in on an introductory hour-and-a-half session of a lecture by Marion Levy, Princeton University, at FSI, on the structural -functional analysis of social systems and social change. The session was but a fragment of Levy's total scheduled presentation, and the material was highly theoretical, schematic, and specialized; and for these two reasons [redacted] reserves judgment on the pertinence of Levy's approach or material to our area training. Levy's talk and an earlier FSI-sponsored talk on techniques of area analysis, reported on last week, do suggest, however, that we should fully explore whether and how such material might be incorporated in our prospective basic program.
3. Western Europe - AAO #2, which was a command performance for ORR, was completed with a total enrollment of 16. [redacted] who participated with his wife in the instruction commented that these orientations should definitely be given to dependents in particular,

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but that a command decision in DDP is needed to produce the desired enrollment. We will come up with a revised schedule that may ease the baby-sitting bottleneck and try it out in early fall. At that time you or D/TR may wish to press the issue with appropriate DDP and DDS officers.

4. Parts I and II of Signal Corps' film "Free Europe" were completed on 1 July and the answer print should reach Washington for review about the end of the month. Colonel Aldon Hoffman of Strategic Intelligence School, the requesting agency, joined [] at Army Pictorial Center on Long Island for the final narration and was enthusiastic about the results. He will be delighted to accept D/TR's invitation to join him for a viewing of the answer print on 35 mm. when it is available. Part III is moving ahead rapidly and should be completed by late summer.

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